

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

Application for Transfer of Petition for Naturalization

(Form N-455)

OMB No. 1615-0055

A. JUSTIFICATION.

1. This form is used by individuals who filed a petition for naturalization with the courts prior to October 1, 1991, when courts handled naturalizations. The form is used by a petitioner to request a transfer of his or her application for naturalization from one court to another. It is the responsibility of the appropriate USCIS district office in which the application is pending to approve the request prior to the transfer, and also to make a recommendation on the petition. Transferring from one court to the next will not affect the proceedings on the application.

Authority: Section 335(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (Act) and 8 CFR 334.17.

2. The form is provided by USCIS for use by a petitioner for naturalization to request a transfer of his or her petition to another court. USCIS will also use this form to make a recommendation to the court.
3. The use of this form provides the most efficient means for collecting the required data. In this case the USCIS does not employ the use of information technology in collecting and processing information.

4. A search of USCIS automated forms tracking system was accomplished and revealed no duplication. There is no similar data collected, which can be used for this purpose.
5. This collection of information does not have an impact on small businesses or other small entities.
6. Without the use of this form, an applicant cannot transfer his or her application from one court to the next, and will not be able to establish eligibility for naturalization. In addition, USCIS would have no record of such action.
7. This form is in quadruplicate to support the Courts filing procedures.
8. Public comments obviously cannot be addressed in this initial submission. Any public comments will be reconciled and addressed in the justification package with the USCIS's second submission.
9. USCIS does not provide payments or gifts to respondents in exchange for a benefit sought.
10. There is no assurance of confidentiality.
11. There are no questions of a sensitive nature.
12. Annual Reporting Burden:
 - a. Number of Respondents 100
 - b. Number of Responses per Respondent 1
 - c. Total Annual Responses 100
 - d. Hours per Response .166
 - e. Total Annual Reporting Burden 17

Annual Reporting Burden

The annual reporting burden is **17**. This figure was derived by multiplying the number of respondents (100) x frequency of response (1) x 10 minutes (.166) per response. This calculation is based on prior USCIS experience with the program.

13. There are no capital or start-up costs associated with this information collection. Any cost burdens to respondents as a result of this information collection are identified in Item 14. There is a \$90 fee charge associated with the collection of this information.

14. Annualized Cost Analysis:

a.	Printing Cost	\$	72
b.	Collection and Processing Cost	\$	8,928
c.	Total Cost to Program	\$	9,000
d.	Fee Charge	\$	9,000
e.	Total Cost to Government	\$	0

Government Cost

The estimated cost of the program to the Government is: **\$9,000**. This estimate is calculated by using the estimated number of respondents (100) multiplied by the suggested \$90 fee charge (which includes the suggested average hourly rate for clerical, officer, and managerial time with benefits, plus a percent for the estimated overhead cost for printing, stocking, distributing and processing of this form).

Public Cost

The estimated annual public cost is **\$9,170**. This is based on the number of respondents (100) x 10 minutes (.166) per response x \$10 (average hourly rate) plus the number of respondents (100) x fee charge of \$90.

15. There has been no increase or decrease in the estimated burden hours previously reported for this information collection
16. USCIS does not intend to employ the use of statistics or the publication thereof for this information collection.
17. USCIS will display the expiration date of OMB approval of this information collection.
18. USCIS does not request an exception to the certification of this information collection. See attached Item 19 of Form OMB 83-I.

B. Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods.

Not Applicable.

C. Certification and Signature.**PAPERWORK CERTIFICATION**

In submitting this request for OMB approval, I certify that the requirements of the Privacy Act and OMB directives have been complied with including paperwork

regulations, statistical standards or directives, and any other information policy directives promulgated under 5 CFR 1320.

Richard A Sloan,
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Date